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For: METHOD AND X-RAY APPARATUS FOR OPTIMALLY IMAGING  
ANATOMICAL PARTS OF THE HUMAN ANATOMY

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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a)**

Sir:

Applicants hereby Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Under 37 CFR

1.181(a). Applicants reviewed the Notice of Abandonment, mailed July 27, 2003 (copy attached (2 sheets)), abandoning the above-identified application for failure to file a proper reply to the Office Action mailed on November 5, 2002. Applicants respectfully assert that there was no abandonment in fact.

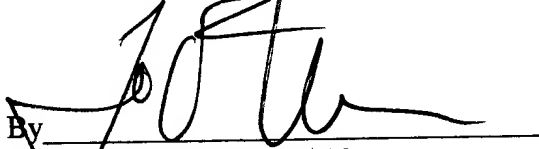
In particular, Applicants agent, George Likourezos (40,067) of Carter, DeLuca, Farrell & Schmidt, mailed an Amendment with a Certificate of Mailing Under 37 CFR 1.8, dated December 9, 2002 (see attached copy including copy of postcard (9 sheets)). As indicated by the 1.8 Certificate, as well as the copy of the post card received by Applicants and date stamped to indicate receipt by the Patent Office (copy attached (1 sheet)), the Amendment was duly received by the Patent Office on December 16, 2002.

An Advisory Action thereafter issued from the Patent Office on January 14, 2003, indicating that the Applicant's response to the final rejection, filed on December 16, 2002, had been considered but not deemed to place the case in condition for allowance (copy attached (2 sheets)).

On February 4, 2003, Applicants filed an RCE with this case by facsimile transmission, and received an Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission indicated that the RCE was received by the Patent Office at 10:57 EST on February 4, 2003 (copy attached (3 sheets)).

In view of the above, Applicants contend that there was no abandonment in fact, and respectfully request that the Holding of Abandonment be withdrawn, the Amendment be entered, and the application be examined on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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